

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 3-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 93—Raleigh/Durham, NC; Request for Manufacturing Authority Rike Industries, Inc. (In-Line Skates)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Triangle J Council of Governments, grantee of FTZ 93, pursuant to § 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Rike Industries, Inc. (Rike), to assemble in-line skates under FTZ procedures within FTZ 93. It was formally filed on January 13, 1998.

The Rike facility (41,000 sq. ft.) is located within Site 1 of FTZ 93 at 1000 Parliament Court in the Imperial Business Center, in Durham, North Carolina. The Rike facility (12 employees) is used to assemble in-line skates under contract for Fila Sports, Inc., for the U.S. market and export. The assembly process involves the attachment of domestically sourced in-line skate chassis to foreign-origin textile/leather boots (HTSUS 6402—6404, as sports footwear; duty rate: 20%). The finished in-line skates are classified under HTSUS 9506.70 (duty free). The application indicates that 15 percent of the facility's shipments will be exported.

FTZ procedures would exempt Rike from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Rike would be able to elect the Customs duty rate during Customs entry procedures that applies to finished in-line skates (duty free) for the foreign boots/footwear noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is March 23, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 6, 1998).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available

for public inspection at the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room
3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania
Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-
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Office of the Service Area Port Director,
U.S. Customs Service—Raleigh/
Durham, 120 South Center Court,
Morrisville, NC 27560.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-832]

Pure Magnesium From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration,
International Trade Administration,
Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On October 23, 1997, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of the new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pure magnesium from the People's Republic of China (62 FR 55215). This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, Taiyuan Heavy Machinery Import and Export Corporation, and the period of review is May 1, 1996, through October 31, 1996. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results.

We have determined that U.S. sales have been made below the normal value, and we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between Export Price and Normal Value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Everett Kelly or Brian C. Smith, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4194 or (202) 482-1766, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the

Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce (the Department) regulations are to those codified at 19 CFR part 353 (April 1997). Where appropriate, references are made to the Department's final regulations, codified at 19 CFR part 351 (62 FR 27296), as a statement of current departmental practice.

Background

On October 23, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 55215) the preliminary results of its new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pure magnesium from the PRC (62 FR 55215). On November 13, the petitioner¹ and Taiyuan Heavy Machinery Import and Export Corporation (Taiyuan) submitted publicly available information on surrogate values for factors of production for consideration in the final results. On November 18, the petitioner and Taiyuan each submitted case briefs. On November 20, both parties submitted comments on the other's publicly available information submitted on November 13. On November 26, the parties submitted rebuttal briefs. On December 2, 1997, the Department held a public hearing.

Scope of Order

The product covered by this order is pure primary magnesium regardless of chemistry, form or size, unless expressly excluded from the scope of this order. Primary magnesium is a metal or alloy containing by weight primarily the element magnesium and produced by decomposing raw materials into magnesium metal. Pure primary magnesium is used primarily as a chemical in the aluminum alloying, desulfurization, and chemical reduction industries. In addition, pure primary magnesium is used as an input in producing magnesium alloy.

Pure primary magnesium encompasses products (including, but not limited to, butt ends, stubs, crowns and crystals)² with the following primary magnesium contents:

(1) Products that contain at least 99.95% primary magnesium, by weight

¹ The petitioner includes the following entities: Magnesium Corporation of America, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 564, and the United Steelworkers of America, Local 8319.

² Since the antidumping duty order was issued, we have clarified that the scope of the original order includes, but is not limited to, butt ends, stubs, crowns and crystals. See May 22, 1997, instructions in U.S. customs and November 14, 1997, *Final Scope Rule of Antidumping Duty Order on Pure Magnesium from the PRC*.